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Mr. H. Graham Morison
Assistant Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Graham:

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As you say, it is a shame about [redacted] and I am passing the correspondence on the subject to the administrative people as a typical case history of the problem they are trying so hard to lick.

Actually I believe our administrative procedures cause very little delay. Our real problem revolves around security and so far no satisfactory answer has been found. It has two aspects. Security makes the planning and establishing of certain jobs far more difficult than in the normal establishment where you just have to fill T/O vacancies. Secondly, once a job is set up, and a person found who seems to fill the bill, the unavoidable security check consumes additional time. This is no one's fault. Everyone is working very hard at attempting to speed things up, with the valuable assistance given by your Department. But the fact remains that this delay is costing us good people constantly.

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[redacted] was so unusually well qualified for work with us that I hope they will pursue him and possibly bring him back into the fold. In any case, thanks for your interest and if you get any more like him, give us another try.

Sincerely,

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